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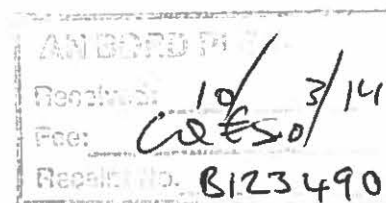
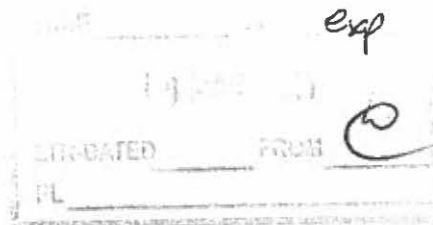
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I am writing to you regarding to the Planning Application from Galway Harbour Company regarding the extension of Galway Port.

SCCUL Enterprises Ltd is very supportive of this planning application and we applaud the Galway Harbour Company for their commitment to the development of Galway City in bringing this application to the planning stages.

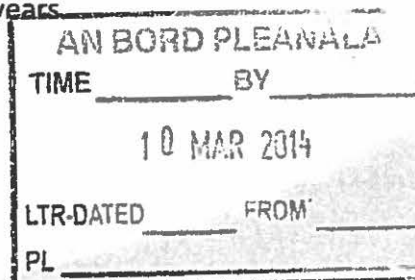
SCCUL Enterprises, a community based company set up in association with St. Columba's Credit Union, was established in 2002 to provide support to communities on the Eastern part of the City.

To date SCCUL Enterprises have been involved in two major capital projects, the Ballybane Neighbourhood Village & Ballybane Enterprise Centre. More recently SCCUL Enterprises have initiated the SCCUL Enterprise Awards and two years established SCCUL Mentors- a mentoring programme for small businesses where mentoring is provided free of charge by leading business figures in Galway.

We have experience of investing in capital projects in Galway City and we have seen at first hands the benefits of our investment to the local community.

The Ballybane Neighbourhood Village Project was an €8 million double National Award winning Public Private Partnership between St. Columba's Credit Union, its related company SCCUL Enterprises, Galway City Council and the HSE.

It consisted of three blocks a 14,000 sq ft Enterprise Centre, a 15,000 sq ft retail and residential block and a 17,000 sq ft public library and multi practice medical centre on a site which was a travellers halting site for 25 years.





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This investment by St. Columba's Credit Union through its subsidiary company SCCUL Enterprises, fast tacked urgently need recourses into the Ballybane area by 13-15 years.

Our investment in the SCCUL Enterprise Awards has recognised enterprise in local businesses and provided funds for many of these businesses to expand. Through the SCCUL Mentors programme we have provided free valuable mentoring support and enabled 300 people – small business owners and their employees – to not only stay in business, but grow their business in these challenging times.

We believe the extension of Galway Port will provide a huge economic benefit to Galway City in both the short tem and the long term. The jobs created during the construction phase will provide a welcome boost to the beleaguered construction industry while the additional jobs created as a result of the increased activity at the port will provide employment to many people throughout the West.

We all can remember the excitement of the Volvo Ocean Race in 2009 and 2012 when pictures of Galway's docks in use as a marina were beamed to television screens around the world. The extension of Galway Harbour would really help facilitate the development of the maritime tourism industry and attract world class festivals.

We look forward to a successful outcome to their application

Yours sincerely,

John Lenihan

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